FORCE PRESERVATION IN GARRISON

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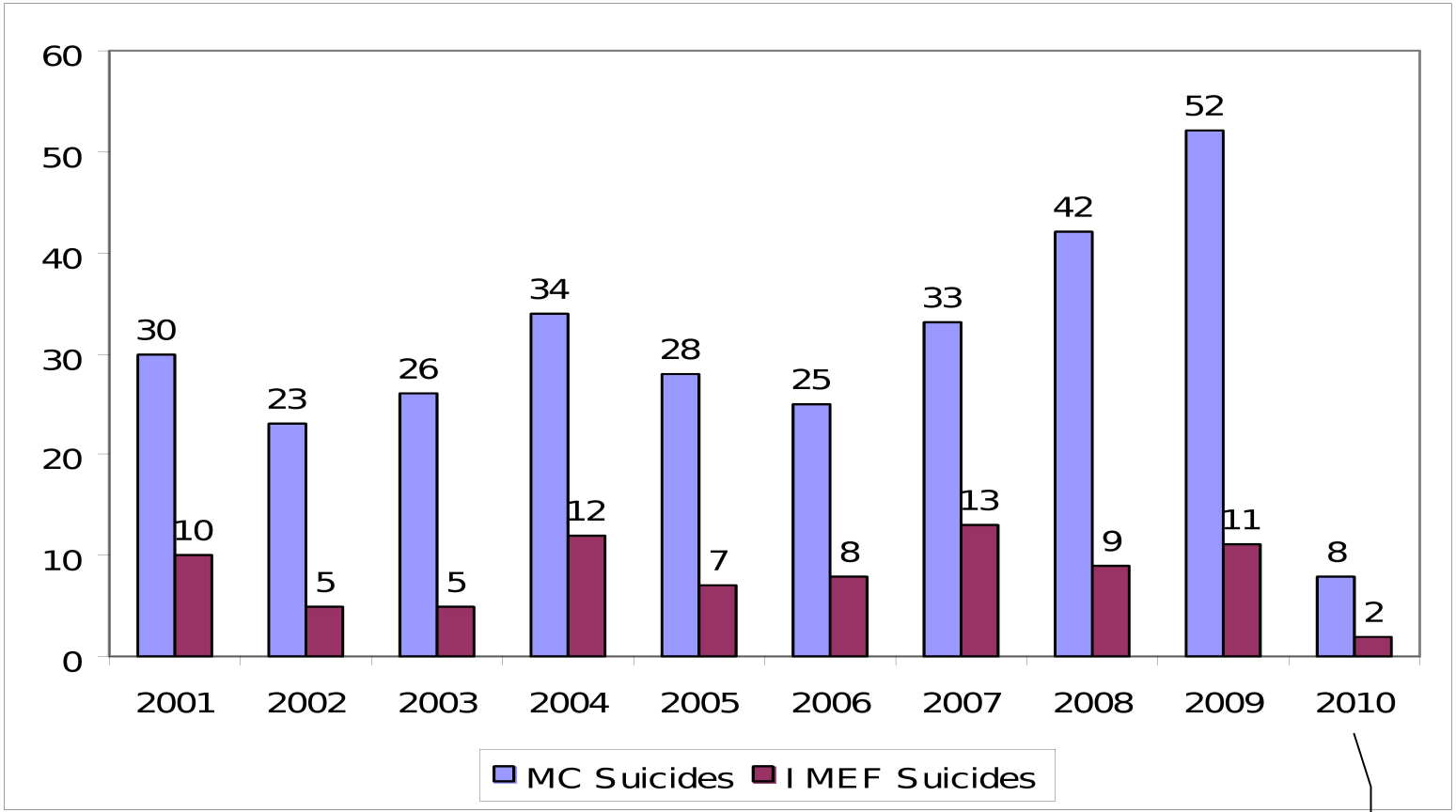
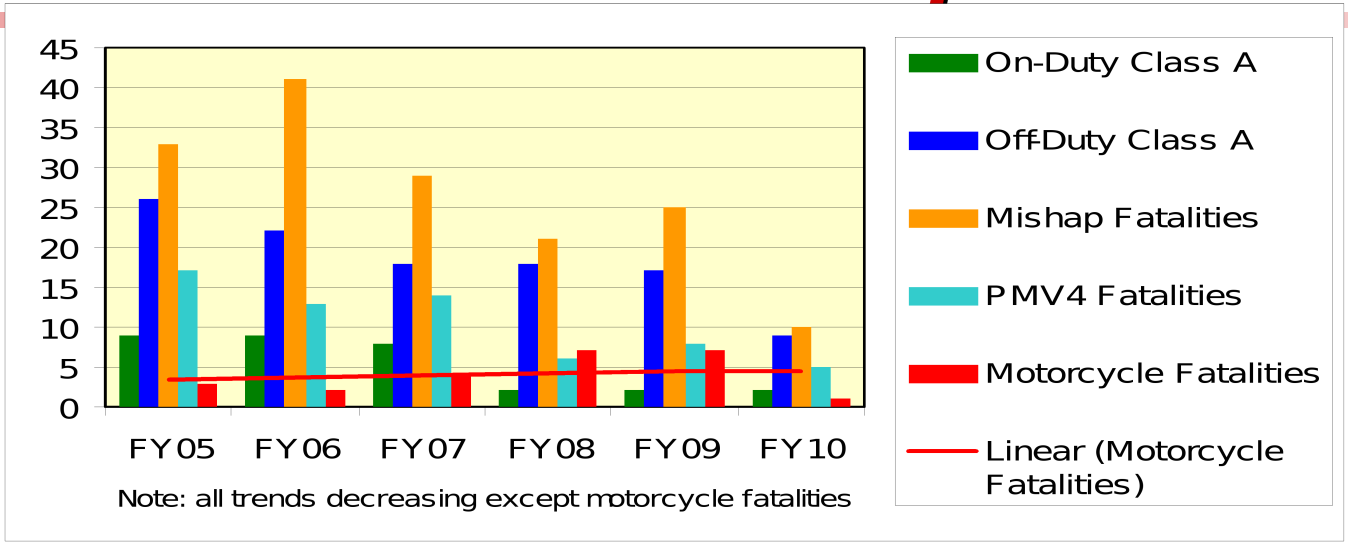
Status of the Force: Suicides



Suicides in 2010 are at a slower pace than 2009: down 63% for MC; down 55% for I MEF

Status of the Force: Ground Mishaps



*** While total Class A mishaps are projected to be less than FY-2009, on duty Class A mishaps and PMV4 fatalities are projected to exceed FY-2009 numbers.**

Ground Mishap Status FY10			
On Duty Class A* (FY09 = 2)	**2**	**Motorcycle Fatalities** (FY09 = 7)	**1**
Off Duty Class A (FY09 = 17)	**9**	**PMV4 Fatalities*** (FY09 = 9)	**5**
Mishap Fatalities (FY09 = 25)	**10**	**GMV Class A** (FY09 = 2)	**1**
		RODS Class A (FY09 = 3)	**1**

Red: increased pace in 2010 than 2009

Yellow: same pace as 2009

Green: slower pace than 2009

Status of the Force: Officer to Enlisted Ratio

1: (9)

1: (8)

Forward

1: (14)

Main

Status of the Force: Medical Issues

Limited duty or awaiting PEB for Chronic Pain or mental health issues

	LIMDU	PEB	TOTAL
Command Element	8	5	13
1stMARDIV	108	50	158
3dMAW	26	17	43
1stMLG			
TOTALS	142	72	214

Hypothesis: Severe chronic pain sufferers are predisposed to mental health issues, such as depression and addiction which can lead to still other issues – i.e. legal, medical, psychiatric, PTSD.

Status of the Force: Medical Issues

On psychiatric medications

Command Element	252
1stMARDIV	1132
3dMAW	603
1stMLG	560
TOTALS	2547

Who are these Marines? Are they taking a "cocktail" of medications? What risks do they present: Addiction, Legal, Health, Force Protection?

Status of the Force: Medical Issues

Screened for alcohol treatment

FY09 - 1928

FY10 - 1192

Down 7%

Completed alcohol treatment

FY09 - 822

FY10 - 697

Up 27%

Presently, no data available on numbers "in treatment" or who were "treatment failures."

Screened for drug treatment

FY09 - 597

FY10 - 455

Up 14%

Completed drug treatment

FY09 - 363

FY10 - 138

Down 43%

Status of the Force: Medical Issues

Urinalysis

	FY09	FY10	Change %
Total Samples Tested	223,543	153,213	Up 2%
Positive Samples	1259	774	Down 8%
Positive Individuals	749	529	Up 6%

One individual may have multiple positive samples.

Status of the Force: Legal Issues

Pending courts-martial:

	GCM	SPCM	SCM	ART 32	TOTAL
1stMARDIV	5	37	30	11	83
3dMAW	3	22	0	9	34
1stMLG	3	13	6	0	22
TOTALS	11	72	36	20	139

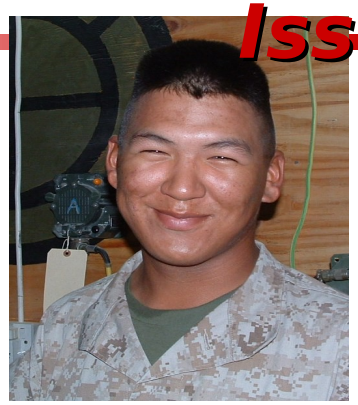
No Command Element Cases at Present

Down 28% from last year's Qtr average

Status of the Force: Recent Fatalities and Issues

23 y.o. Marine dies of heat stroke following a platoon run with flak jacket and SAPI plates.

➔How did our Corpsmen and EMTs respond? What protocols were they trained to and did they perform to



21 y.o. Marine died after night of heavy drinking with fellow Marines. SNM self-reported alcohol abuser.

➔2 NJPs for underage drinking

➔3 CSACC interventions & was undergoing 4th round of outpatient

24 y.o. Stayed at home of a fellow Marine watching movies. SNM found dead.

➔PTSD treatment since 2007. Multiple psychiatric medications

➔ Referred for alcohol dependency on 22 Jan. Died 13 Mar. CSACC apt 17 Mar.

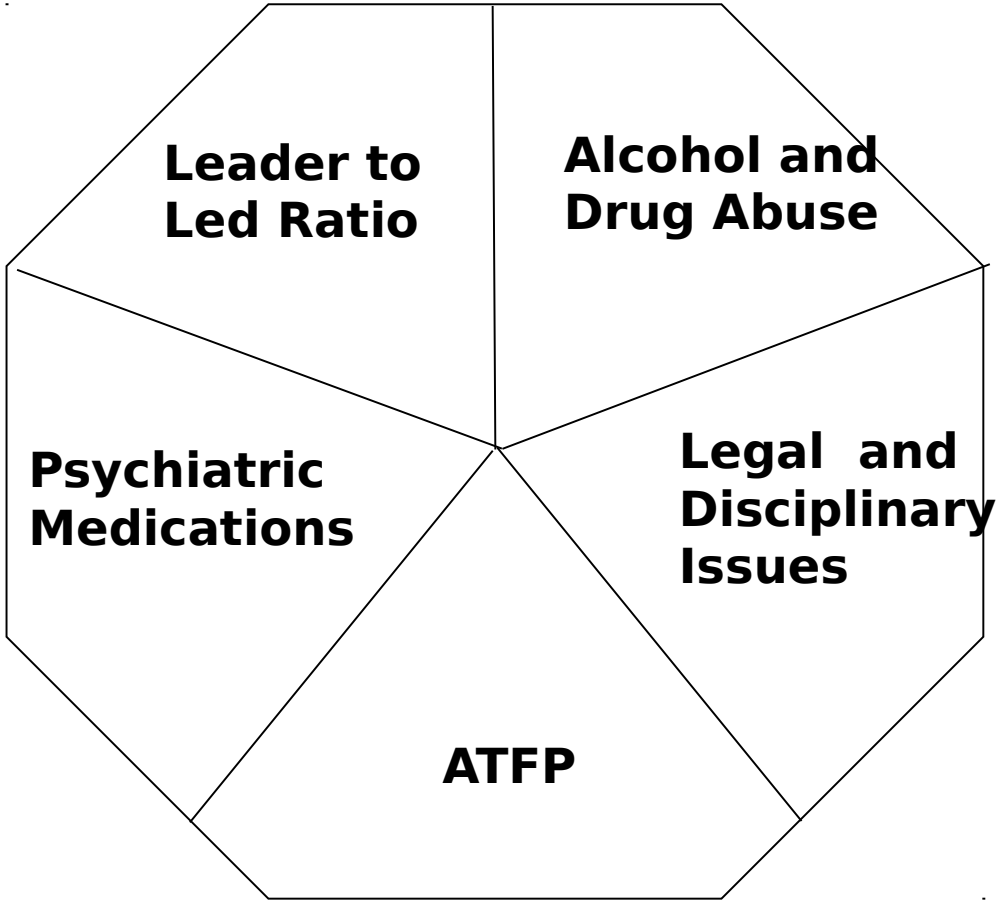
24y.o. found unconscious in his apartment by a female companion. Attempts to revive failed.

➔SNM in UA status for 11 days.

➔On medical – hold past EAS for 12+ mo awaiting PEB

➔ Issued

Risks in Garrison



Mitigation Lines of Operation (LOO)

- Medical
- Legal
- Building resiliency
- Manage RBEs
- ATFP

Projects: Medical LOO

- **Staff studies to know our Marines and Sailors better**
  - **Medications – cocktail of meds?**
  - **Chronic conditions**

- **Staff study of physical evaluation board/medical board process**
  - **Better integrate commander, limited duty coordinator and medical department representative**
  - **Establish OPT with hospital to identify ways to speed up the system**

Projects: Building Resiliency LOO

- **For Deploying Forces:**
  - **Infantry Immersion Trainer**
  - **OSCAR**
  - **IED Lane Training**
  - **Convoy Training**
  - **Enhanced Mohave Viper**

- **For Returning Forces**
  - **Wounded Warrior Engagement**

Projects: Building Resiliency LOO

- **<u>On Going Projects:</u>**
  - **Stress Inoculation Program**
    - **Stress Inoculation Conference**

Projects: Wounded Warrior Engagement

- The relative isolation of wounded warriors has contributed to fitness, weight, and disciplinary issues among some.
- Address by ensuring Marines remain part of the team
  - Return to duty as much as the Marine's physical condition permits
  - If possible, return to the Marine's original unit for duty, PMEs, and unit events

Projects: Reorganize RBEs

- **Place RBEs under a regimental/group headquarters**

- **Establish 4 platoons**
  - **Legal holds**
  - **Medical holds**
  - **Marines near EAS/PCS**
  - **New joins**

Projects: Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection

- **I MEF/MCI-WEST Threat Working Group (TWG) meets every two weeks.**
  - **Increased information sharing/reporting between I MEF, MCI-W, NCIS, and San-Diego Regional Terrorist Threat Assessment Center (SD-RTTAC)**

- **Eagle Eyes**
  - **Regionalized approach to suspicious activity reporting**
  - **Training Marines and families what to look for, and how to report**
  - **Advertising campaign through MCI-W and MCCS**

Projects: Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection LOO

- **Role Players (RP)**
  - **I MEF, MCI-W, and NCIS highlighted the vulnerability posed by RP contractors and we have shaped the policy currently being staffed by PP&O.**

- **Automated Access Control**
  - **I MEF/MCI-W provided the best practices from our regional solutions and led the development of the requirements for a Marine Corps and potentially DOD-wide solution.**

Conclusion

- **No surprise – leadership is key to force preservation at every level**
  - **critical for at-risk Marines**
  - **challenging with low leader-to-led ratio**

- **Cross-disciplinary approaches are promising**
  - **Particularly in building resiliency**